Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders Workshop Meeting Minutes October 17, 2012

The meeting was opened by Director Acton at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Acton read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Freeholders Present: Dept. Director Laury, Cross, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman, Ware, and Director Acton.

Presentation

Insurance presentation by Jerry Campanaro of Marsh & McLennan and Michael Murphy from Ameri Health concerning possible cost control of the medical bills of inmates in the Salem County Correctional Facility. Currently the yearly average for medical expenses at the facility is \$750,000 to \$800,000 although some years have been significantly higher. Ameri-Health is currently looking at the costs and will provide a proposal in the near future. There are two possible areas for cost savings. 1. Medical management. In this area all medical bills will be looked at and managed. Also contracts and agreements will be put into place with participating facilities to maximize the most savings possible. 2. A possible catastrophic coverage could be purchased so that no medical claim would pierce a certain agreed upon ceiling, the balance being taken care of by insurance. Item number one the cost management is definitely doable, the ceiling option could be costly and will have to be discussed. The Freeholders had various questions but all agreed that the County should move forward with the proposal.

Freeholder Committee Reports:

Administration- Director Acton reported that the SWAT analysis was completed and all Freeholders will receive the responses and comments. She further noted that the ten riches counties across America was published in the NJ Business magazine and New Jersey had three of them. She wants Salem County to be number four; she will reach out to the three to discuss their methods and what is working.

Public Service-Mr. Vanderslice reported that through the Administration committee he was reaching out to various businesses across the County to determine their needs and how through economic development the County could help facilitate their success and develop a comprehensive strategy going forward.

Health- Mr. Bobbitt stated that he had no report other that the County Flu clinics are in full swing with 225 shots being given out today at the drive thru at the County fairgrounds.

Social Services- Ms. Timberman had to temporarily step out of the meeting and did not offer a report.

Public Safety- Mr. Cross discussed the EProsecutors system that is being mandated by the State at a local cost of approximately \$125,000. He noted that the Prosecutor would like to get the system in and paid for this year. He also noted that the negotiations were moving along for the communication towers project, only one, Burden Hill, was taking a bit longer than anticipated.

Transportation, Tourism, Agriculture- Mr. Ware commented that there will be a press conference and contract signing for the TIGER III grant on Tuesday October 23rd in Paulsboro.

Public Works- Mr. Laury commented that the Fifth Street Office Complex was coming along on time and under budget. Greenville Bridge is expected and must be completed by Feb. 14, 2013 in order to capitalize on the 75% FEMA reimbursement. Houses Mill Pond Bridge is also moving forward on schedule. He further noted that working with the College and the VO-Tech 21 individuals attended a series of classes that would better enable them to re enter the workforce after experiencing a period of unemployment. Of the 21 17 passed the course and all have found employment. Also for each manufacturing job there is a correlation to four service industry jobs.

At 6:20 pm Deputy Director Laury made a motion to recess the workshop meeting and to enter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 executive session to discuss one workman's compensation case, Chester Randal, a personnel matter involving LAC Township, and a personnel matter involving Officer Rosenberger, second by Freeholder Vanderslice, carried 6/0.

Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders Executive Session Minutes October 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton at 6:30 PM

The stated purpose of the meeting is to discuss one workman's compensation case, Chester Randall, personell matter involving Officer Rosenberger, and a personnel matter involving LAC Township.

Freeholders Present: Dept. Director Laury, Cross, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman (arrived at 7:00 PM), Ware, and Director Acton. Solicitor Ross Levitsky, CFO Wright, Administrator Ford, Clerk Gage, Warden Skradzinski, Sheriff Miller, Labor Counsel Jean Cipriani via telephone.

Solicitor Levitsky stated that information was not complete on the Randall matter so he would defer to the next Freeholder meeting.

Mr. Gage stated that he was contacted by George Rosenberger, the LAC Solicitor requesting that Mr. Gage mediate a matter of dispute between LAC Township and the police department for a disciplinary matter.

Sheriff Miller presented the facts involving the Rosenberger case.

Deputy Director Laury made a motion to come out of Executive session and to recess the meeting at 7:15 PM, second by Freeholder Bob Vanderslice, motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage Clerk of the Board